

**Town of Greenville  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes – March 27, 2019**

Call to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 46 Main Street, Greenville at 3:30 p.m. Present: Chairperson Carla Mary, Selectwomen Margaret Bickford, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

**Old Business:**

Chairperson Mary asked the Town Administrator to confirm with Utility Partners that the chlorine analyzer at the Wastewater Plant is tied in and functional.

**New Business:**

The Town Administrator discussed the bidding of the two new projects that were approved by warrant article at Town Meeting. She recommended that the highway generator project move forward with the quotes Ed White had obtained. Mr. White will attempt to negotiate price with the preferred vendor. For the pool house project, the Town Administrator discussed the competitive bid process required by the Town's purchasing policy. She noted she would be inviting Wolf Rock and Vlahos Construction to bid, as well as advertising the bid per policy. She noted she had also considered Adam Vaillancourt Roofing, but was unsure if their services extended to siding and other needed components. Selectwoman Bickford said she admired their work and would like for them to be contacted.

**EPA Letter Re: Implementation Schedule and Interim Limits**

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Karen McGuire of the EPA. Chairperson Mary explained that the Town's interim limits for aluminum allowed by the administrative order are being terminated and set to the recommended permit limits because we have been able to consistently meet those limits with the current chemical treatments. Selectwoman Bickford asked why our permit limits are so low. Chairperson Mary explained that this was due to the effluent being discharged to the river. She discussed a previously explored option of discharging effluent to an alternate location, which would require much less stringent permit limits, but was deemed to be infeasible. The Town Administrator noted that the letter also indicates that the submitted corrective action plan (which addresses the continuing efforts to meet recommended copper limits) schedule will be enforceable under the administrative order.

**Avitar Abatement Responses**

The Selectmen reviewed a slate of abatement responses from Evan Roberge of Avitar Assessing, which included Greenville Estates mobile homes, Map 1 Lot 70, Subs 4, 37, 98, and 195; Map 1 Lot 46-E, a commercial garage on Fitchburg Road; and Map 1 Lot 66, a single-family home on Barrett Road.

**Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Bickford, to deny the slate of abatements per Avitar's recommendation.**

**Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.**

**Conval School Funding Lawsuit**

Chairperson Mary discussed her interest in the recently reported school funding suit filed by Conval and joined by other districts, noting that according to news coverage, arguments are being heard in court

this week. The Town Administrator stated that she had reached out to Steve Spratt via email to find out if the Mascenic District had or would consider joining the suit.

#### **NHDOT Red List Bridge Report**

The Selectmen reviewed the NHDOT Red list Bridge Report. There were no changes to the status of the Green Bridge.

#### **Review and Sign Board/Committee/Etc. Appointments**

The Selectmen reviewed and signed appointments and reappointments to several boards and committees. Chairperson Mary asked about an appointment for Brenda Bergeron as 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Coordinator. The Town Administrator wanted to confirm that the Selectmen wanted the same planning structure in place, and then she would contact Mrs. Bergeron to confirm her willingness to continue in that role. The Selectmen discussed how the separation of duties Mrs. Bergeron's wanted oversight of, such as arranging vendors and requesting donations, from other community participants, worked in the prior year. Chairperson Mary felt it worked, and that consistency would ensure that the core parts of the festivities were taken care of. The Town Administrator will contact Mrs. Bergeron to confirm, and bring an appointment to the next meeting.

Selectwoman Bickford asked if there were plans to organize another Old Home Day. The Town Administrator stated that there is nothing specifically earmarked in the budget, but that the actual costs were quite low in that the food paid for itself, and that the most substantial cost was the band. She discussed her interest in, as a private citizen, possibly helping to create a 501c-3 non-profit to facilitate community service projects and events, noting the close-by "Hillsborough Pride" organization as an example. She felt such an organization is a more appropriate avenue to seek donations from local businesses for an event such as Old Home Day. Chairperson Mary asked questions about the process to form and the make-up of such an entity.

#### **Miscellaneous**

The Selectmen reviewed printed photographs that were in consideration to be displayed in the meeting room. They discussed needing to get original images for the best reproduction quality, as well as seeking some additional images from other local photographers.

Rick Miller, of 10 Dunster Hill Road, expressed that it is a pleasure working with the Town Administrator. He expressed that having water and sewer available in such a small town is a great benefit, though the cost is concerning. He asked questions about Greenville Estates' contract and rate. The Selectmen explained the contracts for both water, which is the same as the Town rate, and sewer, which is derived from a formula set forth in a 50-year contract. Chairperson Mary discussed that the Selectmen who entered into the 50-year contract did not foresee that the differential between the town and the contract rate would become so large. Chairperson Mary discussed that small changes to the contract have been achieved through negotiations, which have resulted in increases to Greenville Estates' contract sewer rate. She discussed conversations with the Town Administrator that, without the revenue from Greenville Estates, the Town rate would be higher. The Town Administrator noted that any of the new businesses recently developed on Route 31 would not have had access to these services if the mains had not been installed by Greenville Estates.

Mr. Miller discussed his interest in pursuing solar energy through a Town-based consortium, but was concerned that the property tax implications would negate the value of investing in a home solar array. He asked if the Selectmen would consider supporting an exemption of solar panels from assessed value, as allowed by recent legislation. The Selectmen expressed their willingness to consider such a warrant for the next annual meeting.

**Signature Folder**

**The Selectmen:**

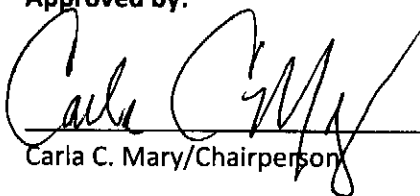
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of the March 13, 2019 and March 21, 2019 meetings.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Sewer Tax Levies: GEVD & Pilgrim Foods.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Purchase Order: Fire – Bergeron Protective.

**Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Bickford, to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m.**

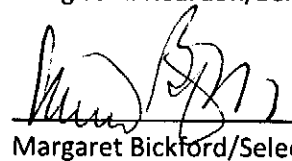
**Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.**

**Submitted by:** Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

**Approved by:**

  
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Carla C. Mary/Chairperson

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Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman

  
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Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman